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In re application of Appeal No.
Bengt DOHmers et al. Conf. 6658
Application No. 10/518,304 Group 1794
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REPLY BRIEF

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONORS:

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner relies on claims 4 and 5 of GB 2 343 842, as suggesting that the pad has glued edges in the sense that plural edges of the pad are glued.

However, there is an abstract of the British patent, which states that "The sheets may be glued together at their edges, . . ." Thus, the pad does indeed have glued edges, but it is the edges of the sheets, that is, one edge per sheet, that are glued, and not plural edges of the pad.

Notice also the finger hole "C" in the corner of the pack, shown in Figure 2 of the British drawing. If the pad were glued about all its edges, then what use would the finger hole be? How could the sheets be separated by inserting a finger in the finger hole, if the sheets were glued together at adjacent edges? The finger hole "C" of the British patent would not work

for this purpose. By contrast, our tab 7 works very well for this purpose.

Accordingly, reversal of the rejection of record is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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